

REMARKS

The interview with examiners Stephen Ralis and Mark Paschall on January 10, 2007 is acknowledged with appreciation. The examiner's interview summary is accurate as to what transpired at the interview.

The following remarks are in response to the 19 October 2006 non-final office action and reflect the discussion at the interview.

An information disclosure statement has been filed citing the documents referenced in the specification (that are not already of record).

A replacement sheet No. 4/11 (Fig. 2B) of drawing is submitted here with. The only change is the reference character "110" designating the connector has been changed to "110". The specification paragraphs beginning at pages 9 and 10 have been amended to reflect that the connector is element 111 rather than element 110.

Regarding the office action drawing objection re "the left pump 84" and "the right pump 86" correction has been made to the specification at page 8.

The title has been amended as suggested in the office action.

Amendments have been made to claims 13, 30 and 30 in accordance with the objections to these claims. An amendment has been made to claim 28 correcting the item noted in the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112.

The examiner's comments in the office action directing attention to the above-noted items which needed clarification is very much appreciated.

Claim 30 has been amended by adding "directly". As discussed at the interview, Herrick et al. (International Publication No. WO00/11914) does not, taken alone or in combination with the other prior art of record, teach or suggest 1) coupling the heating element directly to the supply voltage (as recited in claim 29), 2) a heating element coupled to the AC voltage source in parallel with the power supply (as recited in claim 30), and 3) a heating element coupled to the domestic AC voltage... (as recited in claim 31). As agreed at the interview, for at least this reason the claims avoid the prior art of record.

In view of the above amendments and comments it is suggested that the application with claims 2-31 is in condition for allowance and such action is, respectfully, requested.

If there is any issue remaining to be resolved, the examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned so that resolution can be promptly effected.

It is requested that, if necessary to effect a timely response, this paper be considered as a Petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response with the fee for such extensions and shortages in other fees, being charged, or any overpayment in fees being credited, to the Account of Barnes & Thornburg, Deposit Account No. 10-0435 (27726-99611).

Respectfully submitted,
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